

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20460



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION
AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Mr. David Robbins
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1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

November 23, 2016

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2016-009850

Dear Mr. Robbins:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on August 30, 2016, in which you requested records pertaining to Wood Group, as related to suspension and debarment. Specifically, EPA interpreted your request for records as follows:

EPA HQ-2016-009850: Records of written communications and documents exchanged within the Suspension and Debarment Program (between the Suspension and Debarment Division, Suspension and Debarment Hearing Officers, and Suspension and Debarment Official) from January 1, 2015 to August 30, 2016, pertaining to the possibility of a suspension of a Wood Group entity.

We have identified 24 records that are responsive. The records you requested are being withheld in full pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). Disclosure of the records could reasonably be expected to interfere with ongoing suspension or debarment proceedings. A portion of the records are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(6) because they are predecisional and deliberative and would harm agency decision making if released or contain personal information which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if released. Also, please be advised that a portion of the records have been marked confidential and may contain trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

You were placed in the commercial fee category, which means you were to be charged for search, review, and duplication costs in accordance with the Agency's regulations under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart A. On September 22, 2016, we sent you a cost estimate to process EPA HQ-2016-009850 which was \$1,011.50. We received your confirmation of payment in order to conduct the search. The final cost was determined to be \$101.50.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ellen O'Boyle. She may be reached at (202) 564-5326.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Timmins', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen Timmins
Director
Suspension and Debarment Division
Office of Grants and Debarment